

Message Text

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ACTION AF-05

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R 221535Z APR 74
FM AMEMBASSY KIGALI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2938
INFO AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

C O N F I D E N T I A L KIGALI 0231

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AFSP ASEC RW
SUBJ: TERRORISM: MSG CONTINGENT

FOR SY GENTILE

FOR AF/EX BRADFORD

NAIROBI FOR RSO

REF: (A) STATE 249033 (B) KIGALI 0005

1. AS PER DISCUSSIONS DEPT, I HAVE REVIEWED UTILITY OF
ASSIGNMENT MSG CONTINGENT TO KIGALI. MY VIEW AT THIS
TIME IS THAT LEVEL OF THREAT POSED FROM WITHIN RWANDA
OR BY OUTSIDE SOURCES IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY HIGH TO OFFSET
POLITICAL CONCERNS OVER MSG PRESENCE NOTED REFTEL B.
I THUS BELIEVE MSG CONTINGENT SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ASSIGNED
TO EMBASSY KIGALI AT THIS TIME.

2. I UNDERSTAND MSGS CAN ONLY BE ASSIGNED TO POST IN FULL
CONTINGENT OF FIVE WATCH-STANDERS AND NCOIC. I ASSUME
THAT IN EVENT OF SPECIFIC THREAT WHICH TOOK PRECEDENCE
OVER OUR POLITICAL CONCERNS THAT A FULL CONTINGENT OR LESS
COULD BE ASSIGNED TDY. PLEASE CONFIRM AND TO WHO EMBASSY
SHOULD ADDRESS SUCH A REQUEST IF WARRANTED.

3. EVEN WITH DEFENSIVE DEVICES CURRENTLY ON ORDER AND
RECENT IMPORVEMENT IN OUR PHYSICAL STRUCTURE AND PRO-
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CEDURES, THIS CHANCERY IS UNDEFENSIBLE AGAINST SURPRISE

PENETRATION BY A DETERMINED AND ARMED GROUP OF TERRORISTS.
MSG WATCHSTANDER WOULD BE PLANNING DETERRENT, BUT COULD
NOT MATERIALLY CHANGE THE OUTCOME. FOR SECURITY AND OTHER
REASONS, I WILL WISH TO DISCUSS LATER THIS YEAR WITH THE
INSPECTORS THE PROSPECT OF A NEW CHANCERY.
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